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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

BRADSHER (WSTAR 4/20) SAYS IN NVN NOTE ANSWERING US
MAR 26 NOTE FROM SECSTATE, HANOI OFFERS CONSIDER SPECIFIC
US PROPOSALS FOR FIRST DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN GOVTS SINCE
SAIGON FELL; AT SAME TIME, NVN REITERATES STILL EXPECTS
US PROVIDE WAR RECONSTRUCTION AID TO BOTH NVN, SVN.
BRADSHER STATES HANOI REPLY NOW UNDER STUDY AT DOS. NOTES
TEXTS OF EXCHANGES NOT MADE PUBLIC, BUT HANOI PRESS WRITES
ABOUT THEM, GIVES DETAILS. QUOTES "NHAN DANH" THAT US
NOTE GENERAL IN CONTENT, USED VAGUE WORDS; NVN REPLY
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SAID READY DISCUSS REMAINING PROBLEMS WITH US -- SPECIFIED
US AID, MIA SEARCH REPATRIATION US REMAINS AS TOPICS
FOR AGENDA.

NVN, USSR SIGN ECON, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL COOPERATION DOCUMENTS IN HANOI. MO DETAILS GIVEN (REUTER HK).

VIENTIANE CENTRAL MARKET CLOSED TEMPORARILY TO IMPROVE HYGIENE CONDITIONS, ACCORDING CITY PREFECTURE. VIENTIANE MEAT MARKET CLOSED 6 MOS AGO; PL AUTHORITIES WORK TO SET UP NEW DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (AFP, NYT).

MAYAGUEZ SKIPPER SAYS WANTS MEET WITH IENG SARY TO REQUEST RETURN REMAINS 2 MARINES KIA IN BATTLE TO RECOVER SHIP LAST YR (UPI NYT, WP).

RTG DENIES ENTRY TO 115 VIET REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED BY BOAT, SAYS WON'T ACCEPT ANY MORE REFUGEES FROM VN (WSJ; AP, NYT). INT MINISTER SAYS BOATS WOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH FOOD, FUEL, BUT NOT ALLOWED LAND (PHINQ).

2. CHINA

NINE-MEMBER US CODEL HAD "FRIENDLY TALK" WITH VICE-PREMIER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO TUESDAY, ACCORDING PEKING BROADCAST (CSM; REUTER PEKING). REUTER REPORTS CODEL BELIEVED TO HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF MIL ASSISTANCE TO PEKING. GROUP LEFT CAPITAL WEDNESDAY FOR TALIAN IN MANCHURIA; WILL SPEND THURSDAY NIGHT IN SHANGHAI, BEFORE RETURNING HOME ON SPECIAL FLIGHT.

PRC TUESDAY LABELED SO-CALLED "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE" ONE OF "SUPERPOWER DIVISION OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE." CHARGE MADE INDIRECTLY THROUGH NCNA PUBLICATION OF VARIOUS ARTICLES ON POSITIONS TAKEN BY FOREIGN FIGURES, PRESS MEDIA (AFP, NYT).

MAO MET TUESDAY WITH EGYPTIAN DELEGATION, PLEDGED "STRONG SUPPORT" FOR CAIRO IN "CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY" TALK, ACCORDING NCNA. HUA ALSO PRESENT (CHITRIB, WP). OBSERVERS SAW MEETING AS ANOTHER SIGN OF PEKING'S UNCLASSIFIED

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DETERMINATION TO EXPLOIT RECENT SOVIET-EGYPT RIFT AND CEMENT NEW PHASE OF CAIRO-PEKING RELS (REUTER'S GRIFFITHS IN PEKING).

TENG'S DOWNFALL HAS NOW BEEN PUT TO MUSIC. CORRESPONDENTS VISITING REMOTE SW PRC BORDER TOWN HEARD OFFICIAL CULTURAL GROUP SING BALLAD PRAISING HUA/TENG SWITCH. ITS TITLE WAS, "RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE," AND ONE LINE OF LYRIC WENT: "EVEN THE MOUNTAINS ARE HAILING YOUR RESOLUTIONS" (REUTER CHINGHUNG).

REUTER'S ROGERS, IN KUNMING, SAYS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

PAYING RARE WEEK-LONG VISIT FOUND CITY IN POLITICAL FERMENT. GUIDES TOLD THEM MIGHT NOT BE SAFE TO COPY BIG CHARACTER POSTERS IN STREETS. SAYS ACCORDING WALLPOSTERS ATTACKING LOCAL LEADERS, PRC POLITICAL UNREST LED TO VIOLENCE IN HUNNAN. ONE POSTER REFERRED TO MAN BEING KILLED APRIL 6 IN CLASH AT TOWN OUTSIDE KUNMING, AND OTHERS SPOKE OF "INCIDENTS" AT

CITY'S NUMBER ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND AT RALLY TO CELEBRATE TENG'S DISMISSAL. ALL THREE EVENTS APPEARED TO HAVE OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER APRIL 5 RIOTS IN PEKING. POSTERS AT DEPARTMENT STORE DESCRIBED CHIA CHI YUN, CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY CMTE, AND HIS AIDES, AS BEING TENG FOLLOWERS.

ROGERS REPORTS THAT IN DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICE, CORRESPONDENTS WERE NOT INTRODUCED TO LEADING MEMBERS OF REVOLUTIONARY CMTE. OFFICIALS REPEATEDLY SAID TENG'S REVISIONIST LINE HAD REACHED FAR AS YUNNAN--THAT SOME FACTORY OFFICIALS IN MACHINE TOOLS PLANT HAD BEEN ADVERSELY INFLUENCED AND CONTROVERSIAL DEBATE HAD REOPENED OVER MATERIAL INCENTIVES FOR WORKERS. SOME OFFICIALS PRESSED FOR INCENTIVE, BUT IDEA QUASHED BY WORKERS' REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL, PARTY OFFICIAL EXPLAINED.

CHINESE INFO SERVICE SAYS TMMC AND GE HAVE SIGNED 10-YEAR TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO HELP ROC FIRM MAKE HIGH-POWER STEAM TURBINES FOR SHIPS (JOC).
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3. PHILIPPINES

WSJ'S VALENTINE NOTES SUGAR MARKET ANALYSTS/TRADERS STILL TRYING FIGURE OUT IMPLICATIONS RECENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PHILS, 2 US REFINERS. SAYS TRANSACTIONS STARTLED SUGAR INDUSTRY THAT HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOP SELL ACCUMULATING SUPPLIES AT DEPRESSED PRICES. NOTES TRANSACTIONS WEREN'T REALLY SALES, BUT ALTERED SUPPLY-DEMAND SITUATION IN PHIL'S FAVOR WITHOUT SPECIFIC PRICE; IN EFFECT, GOP WILL SHIP ON CONSIGNMENT.

4. INDONESIA/TIMOR

RESOLUTION MAY GO BEFORE UNSC TODAY CALLING ON GOI WITHDRAW REMAINING FORCES FROM E TIMOR WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY (REUTER UN).

GOI AWARDS MORRISON-KNUDSEN SUBSIDIARY 4.2 MILLION DOL CONTRACT TO PROVIDE TECH ADVICE ON NATIONWIDE IRRIGATION, RECLAMATION, LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDED BY USAID (JOC).

5. SINGAPORE

USDA SECY BUTZ ARRIVES, SAYS WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION WILL HAVE TO DOUBLE IN NEXT GENERATION TO COPE WITH POPULATION GROWTH. WILL MEET WITH PM LEE, NATL DEV

MINISTER THIS PM; ATTEND REGIONAL AG ATTACHE CONFERENCE THURS (REUTER SINGAPORE).

6. MALAYSIA

GOM FEARS INCREASED ATTACKS FOLLOWING SPLIT WITHIN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, FIGHTING FOR CONTROL TERRITORY. EACH FACTION WANTS APPEAR MORE REVOLUTIONARY THAN OTHER TO ATTRACT RECRUITS. ESTIMATED 3000 MCP GUERRILLAS, ABOUT 600 IN SPLINTER FACTION, MOSTLY ALONG THAI-MALASIA BORDER (AP, SUN).

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7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

NZ HAS NEW BEEF-EXPORT PACT WITH US THAT WILL LIMIT EXPORTS TO 2 MILLION LBS LESS THAN LAST YR'S TOTALS TO JUST UNDER 260 MILLION LBS. TERMS VIEWED BY SOME AS INCONSIDERATE, SINCE US PULLING OUT OF RECESSION WHILE NZ FACES SEVERE TRADE DEFICIT (CARTHEW, CSM).

SIX GUNMEN ROB TOP AUSSIE BOOKMAKERS IN MELBOURNE OF OVER 3.75 MILLION DOLS IN DARING HOLDUP, BIGGEST IN AUSSIE HISTORY (AP, WP).

8. JAPAN

OPPOSITION PARTIES AGREED WEDNESDAY HALT SIX-WEEK DIET POYCOTT, AFTER GOJ PROMISED COOPERATE DIET PROBE LOCKHEED SCANDAL (REUTER TOKYO).

NATL, PRIVATE RR WORKERS CONTINUED STRIKE SECOND DAY, TUESDAY. HALF 40 MILLION COMMUTERS AFFECTED STAYED HOME. FIRMS CHARTERED BUSES, TAXIS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS. OTHERS WALKED, BIKED, OR DROVE, CREATING MONSTER TRAFFIC JAMS. LONGEST, IN TOKYO, STRETCHED 22 MILES, TOOK FIVE HOURS DRIVE (REUTER, CSM; JOC; NYDN; WSTAR 4/20).

SAAR (WP) NOTES WORKERS WHO WOULD HAVE TAKEN TWO-THREE HRS WALK TO WORK DURING PAST STRIKES NOW CONTENT STAY HOME WITH FAMILIES.

MEDIATORS CONTINUE 24-HR EFFORTS RESOLVE WAGE DEMAND DISPUTE (REUTER TOKYO). UNION SPOKESMAN SAID

"LITTLE HOPE" SETTLEMENT WILL CUT SHORT THREE-DAY STRIKE (YATES, CHITRIB). UNIONS DEMAND 22 PCT PAY HIKE; NATL RR OFFERED FOUR PCT, PRIVATE RR LINES SIX PCT; GOJ ANTI-INFLATIONARY GUIDELINE 10 PCT (SEIDEN, SUN).

CULLISON (JOC) NOTES SEAMEN'S UNION TOLD OWNERS WILL BEGIN STRIKE THURSDAY. OPSERVERS SEE "GOOD CHANCE" COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT WILL AVERT WALKOUT THAT WOULD TIE UP OVER 1,000 FLAG CARRIERS AROUND UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD.

CULLISON ALSO REPORTS MAF "INTENDS" REDUCE, OR ELIMINATE TARIFF ON IMPORTED PORK. NOTES JAPANESE FARMERS RELUCTANT GROW HOGS DUE SHARP RISE FEED PRICES SINCE 1973 OIL CRISIS. CITES BUYERS WHO FORESEE "CONSIDERABLE RISE" PORK PRICES.

JAPAN EX-IM BANK SAID FRIDAY PLEDGED 3.19 BILLION DOLS WORTH LOANS JFY 75, UP 5 PCT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR. EXPORT FINANCING, MOSTLY INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY, UP 80 PCT, TO 1.6 BILLION DOLS; OIL-RELATED PROJECT LOANS UP 300 PCT, TO 37.9 MILLION DOLS (UPI, JOC).

TREASURY TUESDAY ANNOUNCED PROBE ALLEGED JAPANESE DUMPING ALUMINUM-WALL, ABOVE-GROUND FAMILY SWIMMING POOLS. ANNUAL IMPORTS VALUED 4.5 MILLION DOLS (WSJ; UPI, NYT).

OFFICIALS TUESDAY CONFIRMED 960 TONS RADIOACTIVE COOLANT LEAKED INTO PACIFIC FROM 90,000 KW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT TOKAI, 80 MILES NE TOKYO. REACTOR SHUT DOWN WHEN LEAK DISCOVERED. SPOKESMAN SAID LEAK'S IMPACT ON HUMAN, MARINE LIFE "NEGLIGIBLE" (AP, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS, SOVIET TRADE REP ALLOWED ATTEND CANTON TRADE FAIR OPENING BANQUET LAST WEEK. DIPLOMATS THERE UNABLE EXPLAIN MOVE. JOC CORRESPONDENT NOTES SINCE SINO-SOVIET TRADE CONDUCTED THROUGH BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS ADMINISTERED BY COMMISSIONS IN PEKING, MOSCOW, CANTON VISIT BY SOVIET EMBASSY TRADE MINISTER KULAKOV HAS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH TRADE. REPORTS DIPLOMATS FOUND IT UNUSUAL THAT SOVIET DIPLOMAT ALLOWED TRAVEL IN SOUTH PRC DURING FIRST POTENTIALLY HEATED DAYS OF NEW POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. BUT CANTON FAR FROM TENSE; ACTUALLY, FEWER TROOPS ON STREETS THAN SIX MONTHS AGO -- PERHAPS THIS WHAT PEKING WANTS SHOW SOVIETS.

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AT CANTON, JOC'S STRAUSS REPORTS TRADE FAIR OFFICIAL SAID PRC STOCKS OF COTTON CLOTH FOR EXPORT NOW SHARPLY DOWN, AND INDICATED PEKING HAS BEGUN PRELIMINARY

CONSIDERATION OF AGAIN PURCHASING US RAW COTTON. STRAUSS OBSERVES PRC TRADE NEGOTIATOR SHOWED CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF US POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH HAS BROUGHT PRESSURE IN THIS ELECTION YEAR FOR RESTRAINTS ON CLOTH IMPORTS, AND ONE UNUSUAL POINT OF INTERVIEW WAS OFFICIAL'S WILLINGNESS ADMIT PEKING SET SPECIALLY LOW PRICES FOR US MARKET. STRAUSS SAYS NUMBER OF EUROPEAN/CAHADIAN CLOTH BUYERS AT THIS FAIR ARE INDICATING DISSATISFACTION AT RAPID EXPANSION EXPORTS TO US. THEY CLAIM CLOTH WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THEM AND THAT THEIR QUOTAS NOT CUT TO UNECONOMICAL LEVELS.

CSM AND NYT WELCOME INDIAN OVERTURES TOWARD PRC, PAKS; DOUBT SOVIET PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS. NYT'S BORDERS, IN NEW DELHI, SAYS KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS CAUTION AGAINST ATTACHING TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO EXCHANGE PRC-INDIAN AMBASSADORS, OR EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM IT, IN TERMS OF SOUTH ASIAN STABILITY. NOTES BARREN HIMALAYAN FRONTIER BETWEEN PRC, INDIA -- ISSUE OVER WHICH THEY WARRED IN 1962 -- IS STILL AS MUCH IN DISPUTE TODAY; AND INDIANS ALSO CHARGE CHINESE WITH AIDING INSURGENTS IN EASTERN BORDER TERRITORIES.

10. JAPAN/INDONESIA

CHITRIB (KNI, IN SUN) REPORTS THOUSANDS JAPANESE FINANCING WEST IRIAN GUERRILLAS, ACCORDING TOMIO MATSUMIYA, PRES 10,000-MEMBER NIPPON-PAPUA FRIENDSHIP ASSN. MATSUMIYA SAID BUSINESSMEN, WWII VETERANS, EVEN FORMER PM HE DECLINED NAME, HELP SUPPORT 5,000 REBELS. WARNED RUSSIANS PROMISED SEND CUBAN TROOPS IF GUERRILLAS ASK HELP, THUS COULD HAVE "ANOTHER ANGOLA" IN ASIA. NOTES GOJ NEVER WAVERED IN SUPPORT GOI CLAIM TO W IRIAN, BUT BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES, WITH CLOSE TIES LEADING POLITICIANS, VIEW W IRIAN AS "HUGE SELF-PERPEUATING WAREHOUSE" OF RAW MATERIALS NEEDED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOURCE-POOR NATION. ADDS VENTURE "SIGNIFICANT" AS FIRST EFFORT PY JAPANESE GROUP TO BACK MIL MOVEMENT OVERSEAS SINCE END WWII.

11. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 4/18) TELLS HOW HIGHER LABOR COSTS, PRODUCTION REDUCED BY POLLUTION COMBINE TO RAISE PRICE CULTURED PEARLS 50 PCT THIS YEAR. PASSES ON TIP THAT PEARLS REMAIN GOOD BUY, AT ANY PRICE, BECAUSE WILL CONTINUE RISE IN FUTURE.

JOC CARRIES REVIEW BY MASAHIRO SOEJIMA (EXEC DIR, JAPAN TRADE CTR, CHICAGO) OF GROWING US-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONSHIP. SAYS JAPAN MUST CONTINUE DEVELOP "PARTNERSHIP" WITH US TO REAFFIRM ROLE IN WORLD ECONOMY. SEES GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT WORLD ECONOMY, SAYS GOJ ANTI-RECESSION MEASURES SPEEDING RECOVERY JAPAN.

JOC'S BARNETT (LA) REVIEWS ROLE JAPANESE BANKS IN CALIFORNIA. CITES RECENT TALK AT TOWN HALL BY JAPAN-CALIFORNIA BANK VP CONTO WHO SAID HAVE NOT PROFITED AT EXPENSE SMALLER BANKS, DO NOTHING WEAKEN MAJORS, BUT PROVIDE STABILITY, ADDITIONAL CAPITAL, WHILE FINANCING CALIFORNIA-JAPAN TRADE.

WWII AIR ACE SABURO SAKAI, WHOSE LEGENDARY EXPLOITS FINALLY BEING FILMED, EMBARRASSED NAVY DURING WAR BY COMPLAINING IN PRESS INTERVIEW THAT RULING CLASS LIVED IN LUXURY AT HOME WHILE FIGHTING MEN, DRAWN MOSTLY FROM COMMON PEOPLE, SUFFERED AT FRONT (UPI, WP).

WP AUTO SUPPLEMENT NOTES JAPAN BECAME LEADING AUTO IMPORT SUPPLIER IN US DURING 1975, AS TOYOTA DISPLACED VW FROM TOP SPOT, NISSAN CREPT UP CLOSE INTO THIRD SPOT.

12. INDOCHINA

REUTER'S ROGERS (PHINQ) REVIEWS EVENTS IN CAMBODIA
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OVER PAST YR. FINDS HARSH LAND OF TOTAL REVOLUTION "MORE RADICAL" THAN PRC, USSR. EMPHASIS ON FOOD PRODUCTION, WITH COUNTRY CLOSED, RESEMBLING VAST WORK CAMP; TOWNS EMPTIED, DISCIPLINE SEVERE. QUOTES SWEDISH AMB TO PEKING THAT CAMBODIA IS LAND OF TOTAL REVOLUTION, WITH CONSIDERABLE SUFFERING AMONG PEOPLE. CITES REFUGEE TALES OF CONTINUING KILLING OF POTENTIAL OPPONENTS; SEEMING WIPING OUT OF BOURGEOISIE, POSSIBLY TO ELIMINATE POSSIBLE ORGANIZERS OF OPPOSITION (4/20).

BUCHANAN (CHITRIB, NYDN) REVIEWS "TIME" ARTICLE ON CAMBODIA BLOODBATH. FINDS IRONIC FORMER HILL REFRAIN THAT WE MUST CUT OFF ARMS TO ANTI-COMMUNIST SIDE TO "END THE KILLING." WONDERS WHERE IS CONSCIENCE OF MANKIND. CITES INSTANCE WHEN FRANCO EXECUTED 5

TERRORISTS AND WORLD WAS OUTRAGED; 500,000 PERISHED IN CAMBODIA SINCE WAR'S END, BUT NO OUTCRY. RECALLS MCGOVERN'S WORDS THAT US HAD NO BUSINESS SUPPORTING CORRUPT LON NOL; ASKS SEN NOW CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE WE WERE RESISTING. STATES THOSE WHO WARNED OF BLOODBATH

WERE RIGHT, THOSE WHO RIDICULED TALK WERE DUPES. COMPARES PRESS COVERAGE MY LAI VICTIMS; NOTES FEW CARE MEMORIALIZE VICTIMS COMMUNIST ATROCITIES IN HUE DURING TET OFFENSIVE. WONDERS WHAT HAS CHANGED IN US WHEN 12 YRS AGO SINGLE FOTO OF BURNING BUDDHIST MONK SHOCKED COUNTRY, ALTERED GOVT POLICY; 3 YRS AGO THIEU CENSORSHIP BROUGHT CONGRESSIONAL PROTESTS; BUT NOW HALF-MILLION DEAD IN CAMBODIA CAUSES SCARCELY RIPPLE (4/20).

LAT'S MCARTHUR (4/17) BELIEVES WORST MAY BE OVER FOR CAMBODIANS AFTER YR CRUELTY, HARDSHIPS. NOTES MORE RICE, LITTLE LESS LABOR IN SOME AREAS, WHILE IN OTHERS BAN ON SEX, MARRIAGE LIFTED. BUT COUNTRY STILL RULED LIKE POW CAMP, WITH EVERYDAY EXECUTIONS. REVIEWS EVENTS OF PAST YR, UP TO RECENT HARVEST GOOD RICE CROP. POINTS OUT KR WANT BUILD NATL STRENGTH SINCE AWARE HANOI'S DREAM OF GREATER INDOCHINA TRANSCENDS ITS DEVOTION TO MARXIST SOLIDARITY. REPORTS MOST KR TROOPS AROUND PP, ALONG VN BORDER, WITH CHINESE VIRTUALLY ONLY FOREIGNERS SEEN OUTSIDE PP. UNCLASSIFIED

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COPLEY'S NEILAN (SD UNION 4/9) QUOTES NEWS REPORTS THAT USSR, PRC COMPETING MORE INTENSELY THAN EVER IN LAOS. BELIEVES PEKING INFLUENCE HAS LESSENER SINCE END VN WAR, WHILE USSR'S HEAVY POSTWAR PRESENCE EVIDENTLY NOT ANTICIPATED BY PRC. NOTES NVN STILL HAS 30,000 TROOPS IN LAOS. CALLS CHILL BETWEEN PRC, NVN LESS WELL DOCUMENTED THAT USSR-PRC RIFT; ATTRIBUTES WARINESS TO HISTORICAL ANIMOSITY BY VIETS TOWARD CHINESE, PLUS SUSPICIONS BY CHINESE THAT VN AIDING USSR 'HEGEMONY' IN ASIA. SEES LAOTIANS CAUGHT IN MIDDLE BIG-POWER SQUEEZE. COMMENTS THAT IN THAT RESPECT, NOTHING HAS CHANGED FROM WARTIME DAYS.

NYPOST (4/17) NOTES COMMUNIST PRESS CHARGE THAT REPORTS OF MASS EXECUTIONS, RUTHLESS TERROR IN CAMBODIA ARE "DISTORTION,...IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA." SAYS EPITHETS NO ANSWER, SINCE HORROR STORIES COME FROM TOO MANY SOURCES IN TOO MANY PLACES. SUGGESTS IF KR LEADERS BELIEVE BEING DEFAMED, ONLY MEANINGFUL RESPONSE IS OPEN GATES TO INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS. UNLESS THAT HAPPENS, HUMANITY MUST ASSUME TRUTH IS UNBEARABLE.

AP'S FRANJOLA (STLP-D 4/18) BRINGS TOGETHER REPORTS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CAMBODIA. CONCLUDES REGIME

RUTHLESSLY RECREATING MOST RADICAL COMMUNIST SOCIETY
IN WORLD AT STAGGERING HUMAN COST, WITH AIM SELF-
SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD. POINTS OUT SUCH STATE EXISTED
THERE 1000 YRS AGO UNDER KHMER KINGDOM AT ANGKOR.

CONTRASTS LIFE IN THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA -- 3 BUDDHIST
COUNTRIES THAT ONCE HAD SIMILAR CULTURES. OPINES IN
YR OR SO CAMBODIA EXPECTED BE ABLE FEED SELF, GIVING
LEADERS CONFIDENCE AND POSSIBLY LEADING TO RELAXATION
INTERNAL CONTROL, OPENING COUNTRY TO WESTERNERS.

COPLEY'S NEILAN (SD UNION 4/11) TAKES LOOK AT INDOCHINA
YR AFTER COMMUNIST VICTORY, FINDS UNCERTAINTY, HARSHNESS
PREVAILING. SAYS LITTLE KNOWN OF GOVT WORKINGS IN SVN,
LESS IN LAOS, ALMOST NOTHING IN CAMBODIA. NOTES NVN/US
STILL DISTANT, THOUGH EXCHANGING "FEW GUARDED WORDS."
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OPINES VN TIES TO PARIS PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION AGAINST
INCREASING USSR INFLUENCE. SAYS NEW REGIME IN SVN HAS NOT
YET BEEN ABLE BRING CHOLON CHINESE UNDER FULL CONTROL,
SO DOESN'T WANT CHINESE CONSULATE IN SAIGON. STATES
HANOI MAKES NO BONES ABOUT FAVORING CONFRONTATION WITH
ASEAN AS PRELUDE MASSIVE SEA REVOLUTION. REVIEWS
THAILAND EVENTS IN WAKE VN WAR'S END. BELIEVES
TRADITIONAL TRADING PATTERNS MAKE INEVITABLE THAT HANOI
WILL CONTINUE HAVE DEGREE INFLUENCE IN CAMBODIA, EVEN
THOUGH PEKING NOW SEEMS HAVE MOST IMPACT.

LOFTON (PHINQ 4/18) CONSIDERS NVN DEMAND FOR AID.
BELIEVES US SHOULD MAKE POSITION CLEAR, SINCE FINDS
HANOI POSITION INSULTING, ABSURD. RECOMMENDS US TELL
NVN TAKE AID PROPOSAL AND "SHOVE IT"; UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD US GIVE IN TO ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL,
EXTORTION.

CHITRIB'S JACKSON, IN MOSCOW, NOTES LAOTIAN DELEGATION
LED BY PREMIER NOT MET BY BREZHNEV. SAYS PROTOCOL
BREACH AROUSES SPECULATION ABOUT B'S HEALTH. POINTS
OUT FAILURE GREET PHOMIVAHAN PUZZLES WESTERN DIPLOMATS,
SINCE USSR EAGER KEEP LAOS, OTHER SEA COUNTRIES,
FROM FALLING INTO PRC ORBIT, AND LAOTIAN LEADER
EARLIER WARMLY RECEIVED BY MAO AT PEKING. NOTES
PHOMIVAHAN SCHEDULED VISIT BLACK SEA DURING TOUR;
SPECULATES THIS MAY BE WHERE BREZHNEV WILL MAKE
APPEARANCE. CONCLUDES IF NOT, WILL AGAIN BE CAUSE
DOUBT B'S PHYSICAL, POLITICAL STABILITY.

13. MALAYSIA

HARTLEY (WSJ 4/19), IN KL, NOTES GROWING OUTPUT
MALAYSIAN POL PALM OIL HAS US VEG-OIL INDUSTRY

WORRIED. MAY TOP 10 MILLION TONS THIS YEAR,
PREDICTED INCREASE 20 PCT/YR, OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.
SAYS SOYBEAN LOBBY PUSHING CONGRESS, USDA, STUDY
POSSIBLE IMPORT CURBS PROTECT OWN MARKET IN US.

ASIA MAGAZINE EDITOR ABRAMS (SUN 4/9), IN KL,
DESCRIBES SHARP IMPACT ON RUBBER TAPPERS OF AUTO PRO-
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DUCTION CUTS IN FAR-OFF RECESSION-BOUND DETROIT.
QUOTES TYPICAL PLANTATION WORKER SAYING FAMILY CAN
GET ALONG ON 2.80 DOL/DAY WAGE 'ONLY BY CUTTING OUT
EVERYTHING BUT ESSENTIALS.'

TOURING "ASIA - ONE YEAR AFTER," GLOBE'S SNOW (4/20)
FINDS OFFICIALS IN KL MORE CONCERNED ABOUT RESURGENCE
NATIVE COMMUNISTS THAN NVN. PRESS FILLED WITH
EDITORIALS ABOUT "RED MENACE," MARKET PLACE WITH RUMORS
OF M-16 RIFLES FROM VN BEGINNING APPEAR IN TERRORISTS'
HANDS. CONCLUDES SOCIAL, ECON CONDITIONS LIKELY
DETERMINE WHETHER CT NUMBERS INCREASE, OR ONLY THEIR
WEAPONRY.

14. N MARIANAS

IN SUSUPE, SAIPAN, NYT'S MALCOLM (4/20) FINDS ISLANDERS
READY CELEBRATE NEW STATUS WITH HIGH MASS, FLAGS,
SPEECHES, DANCES, AND MUCH MUSIC. NOTES ISLANDS HAVE
WEAK ECON BASE, EXCEPT FOR TOURISTS, MOSTLY FROM JAPAN.
FINDS SOME CONCERN MAINLANDERS MAY BEGIN FLOCK TO
ISLANDS IN SEARCH OF JOBS, SUN.

IN NYT (4/17) JOSE CABRANES (YALE U LEGAL ADVISOR;
FORMER COUNSEL TO PR GOV) ASKS WHY SENATE APPROVED
COVENANT GIVING N MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH STATUS --
REPLIES BECAUSE TOO FEW AMERICANS KNOW, OR CARE ABOUT
SEEMINGLY OBSCURE COLONIAL QUESTIONS TO COUNTERACT
SHORTSIGHTED VIEWS OF MIL ESTABLISHMENT. AS RESULT,
US GAINED RIGHT BUILD MIL BASES, WITHOUT INCONVENIENCE
OF UN OVERSIGHT, IN REMOTE ISLANDS WHOSE STRATEGIC
VALUE QUESTIONED IN MAJOR STUDY BY NWC. CAUTIONS "END
OF STORY NOT IN SIGHT", BECAUSE EXPANSIONISTS LIKE
SENS FONG, THURMOND SEEM EXPRESS HOPE MOVEMENTS WILL
SPREAD TO OTHER MICRONESIAN ISLANDS.

15. PHILIPPINES

IN LTR TO WSTAR (4/20), AMB ROMUALDEZ FINDS 2 MAJOR
FLAWS IN PAPER'S APR 7 EDITORIAL ON PHILS. SAYS
FIRST IS ATTITUDE THAT US PERSPECTIVE OF DEMOCRACY
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IS RIGHT ONE, OUGHT TO BE NORM; CLAIMS 2ND IS FACTUAL
DISTORTION -- THAT MACAPAGAL ALWAYS ACCORDED HONORS,
IS FREE AS ARE MANY MARCOS' STRONGEST CRITICS.
ADDS CONSTITUTION NEVER SUSPENDED, FILS FAR FROM
BEING PASSIVE. POINTS OUT FILS TODAY TRYING
DISCOVER POLITICAL STRUCTURE PROPER TO TEMPERAMENT/
CULTURE, WHILE FAITHFUL TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS.
CLAIMS US DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES IN PHILS FOUND
INAPPROPRIATE, DUE DIFFERING HISTORIES. LABELS
'IRRESPONSIBLE' ENCOURAGING OPPOSITION AT RISK INCITING
CHAOS. ADVISES SILENCE UNTIL FACTS ASCERTAINED/UNDERSTOOD
IN APPROPRIATE SETTING.

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF IMPRISONED PUBLISHER EUGENIO
LOPEZ WRITES WSTAR (4/20) THAT MARCOS USING
PRISONER TO BLACKMAIL LOPEZ FAMILY INTO SUBMISSION.
SAYS FATHER-IN-LAW GAVE MARCOS MULTI-MILLION DOL
BUSINESSES TO GET RELEASE. DENOUNCES MARCOS' CRIMINAL
ACTS. CRITICIZES SECSTATE FOR GIVING GOP MIL/ECON
AID, AND QUOTES HIGH DOS OFFICIAL THAT AID TO MARCOS
REGIME IN BEST INTEREST OF US. OPINES HAK'S ONLY
CONSIDERATION ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS BASED ON
HIS OPINION NATL INTEREST. DECLARES WHETHER SUCH
DECISIONS RESULT IN CRIMINAL ACTS DOES NOT SEEM
OBJECTIONABLE FACTOR. KISSINGER

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